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AQSIQ and MOA Joint Announcement No. 885 - China Bans Virginia Poultry

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Report Highlights:

On July 11, LPAI subtype H5N1, Influenza A Virus, was found in a turkey farm in Virginia. In response, on July 23, 2007, the Chinese Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) and the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ) banned the import of poultry products from Virginia and announced that all shipments made after June 20, 2007 will be returned or destroyed.

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July 23, 2007

On July 11, LPAI subtype H5N1 was found in a turkey farm in Virginia, United States.

In order to prevent the disease from spreading to China, according to "Law for animal and plant quarantine of PRC" and relevant regulations, we hereby announce that:

- Ban the import of poultry and poultry products directly or indirectly originated from Virginia, stop issuing import permits for poultry and poultry products originated from Virginia, the import permit already issued will be revoked;
- The shipments of poultry and poultry products shipped after June 20, 2007 will be returned or destroyed; The shipments of poultry and poultry products shipped before June 20, 2007, after passing the tests for AI, will be released;
- The poultry and poultry products originated from Virginia are prohibited from mailing or carrying into the territory of China, once found, will be returned or destroyed;
- For boats, aircrafts or trains transiting through or stopping in China, once poultry and poultry products originated from Virginia were found, these products will be hermetically sealed, the birds kept by the staff must be kept in containers with good shape, the swills and waste shall be subjected to a disinfection treatment at the ports under the supervision of CIQs, littering is forbidden.
- The illegally smuggled poultry and poultry products originated from Virginia found by customs and border defense departments shall be destroyed under the supervision of CIQs;
- In case of violation of above mentioned regulations, penalties shall be imposed by CIQ according to "Law for animal and plant quarantine of PRC";
- The CIQs and animal quarantine organizations of different level must work according to the "Law for animal and plant quarantine of PRC" and "Law of animal disease prevention and control", connected and fulfill the responsibilities;

The notification will be in effect since the day it is promulgated.